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FROM C&R ROVER HAM

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AFSP (HAM, BRADFORD W.)
SUBJECT: HAM-WORRES MARRIAGE CASE

REF: (A) ADDIS ABABA 0157, (B) STATE 4490

1. AGREEMENT BY ETHIOPIAN PERMSEC TO CABLE MOFA TO SET SOLUTION TO HAM-WORRES MARRIAGE CASE WAS ENCOURAGING. HOWEVER, NEARLY THREE WEEKS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE RECEIPT OF THAT INFORMATION AND NO NEWS OF ANY KIND HAS EMERGED. NEEDLESS TO SAY, MY ANXIETY INCREASES DAILY. BOTH AZIEB AND I ARE FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN HOPE THAT THIS CASE WILL BE RESOLVED ON HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES. SINCE THIS CASE HAS BECOME HIGHLY POLITICAL IT ALMOST SEEMS TO ME THAT IT WILL HAVE TO BE RESOLVED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE EPMG WILL HAVE TO REALIZE SOME BENEFIT OUT OF THE SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CASE (TIT-FOR-TAT).

2. I DO NOT PROFESS TO KNOW THE FULL EXTENT OF THE POLITICAL PROBLEM ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. HOWEVER, I WONDER IF REOPENING THE ISSUE OF MY BRIEF RETURN TO ETHIOPIA UNDER OFFICIAL USG AND CONFIDENTIAL

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EPMG SANCTION--ATTACHED DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY ADDIS DURING THE PERIOD IN ETHIOPIA--WOULD BE FAR LESS OF A PROBLEM FOR THE EPMG TO HANDLE, POLITICALLY, THAN GIVING PERMISSION FOR AZIEB AND HER DAUGHTER TO LEAVE ETHIOPIA ONLY ON HER WORD AND USG ASSURANCES THAT SHE WISHES TO DO SO TO MARRY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE USG. MY RETURN TO ADDIS AND SUBSEQUENT MARRIAGE UNDER ETHIOPIAN LAW TO AZIEB, I THINK, WOULD SERVE TO PROVE TO THE EPMG THE USG AND MY GOOD FAITH

THAT MY PURPOSE IN RETURNING TO ADDIS WAS IN FACT TO GET MARRIED.
IF MY RETURN WERE APPROVED, MY CASE COULD BE RESOLVED ON THE BASIS
OF THE CROUCH CASE, AFTER MY MARRIAGE. COULD NOT THE OFFICE OF
PUBLIC SECURITY BE CONVINCED THAT THERE ARE NO POLITICAL PURPOSES
INVOLVED IN MY REQUEST TO VISIT ETHIOPIA? SINCE MY POSITION WITH THE
USG PRECLUDES ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE OAU, DOES EMBASSY ADDIS
SEE ANY USEFULNESS IN DISCUSSING THIS CASE WITH APPROPRIATE
AUTHORITIES WITHIN THE OAU TO GET A SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION?

3. I DEPART NAIROBI FOR BRAZZAVILLE VIA KINSHASA THIS DATE (1-30-78).
YOUR ADVICE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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